



State of Connecticut  
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**REMINDER NOTICE**

DDS Stakeholders-

Pursuant to CGS 17a-211, [DDS has prepared a Five Year Plan 2022-2027](#). The final plan and transcripts of the public hearings are due to the legislature by the end of January 2022. To accommodate as many schedules as possible, DDS has scheduled two virtual public hearings, one day and one evening. The dates and times are **Wednesday, January 12th at 12:00 pm** and **Thursday, January 13th at 5:30 pm**.

You can testify in one of two ways:

**Testify virtually:**

Virtually testify with the Commissioner, the DDS Executive Management Team, and members of the public. A Microsoft Teams meeting link and the testimony order will be sent to those who signed up to testify. Each member of the public will have up to 3 minutes to speak in favor or opposition to the plan. [Click here to sign up to testify virtually.](#)

**Submit written testimony:**

Rather type up your thoughts? You can send testimony in the body of an email or as an attachment. [Click here to email your written testimony.](#)

I appreciate and look forward to your input and feedback as we look at the next five years together.

Stay safe,

Jordan A. Scheff  
DDS Commissioner

**Sec. 17a-211. Five-year plan. Public hearings. Submission to legislature.** (a) In 1991, and every five years thereafter, the Department of Developmental Services shall develop and review a five-year plan in accordance with this section. The plan shall: (1) Set priorities; (2) identify goals and objectives and the strategies to be employed to achieve them; (3) define the criteria to be used in evaluating whether the department is making progress toward the achievement of such goals and objectives; (4) identify changes in priorities, goals, objectives and strategies from the prior plan; (5) describe and document progress made in achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the prior plan; and (6) estimate the type and quantity of staff and services that will be needed over the life of the plan.

(b) Every five years, the department shall hold public hearings on a complete draft of the plan and, in January, 1992, and every five years thereafter, the department shall submit the final plan and a transcript of the public hearings to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies